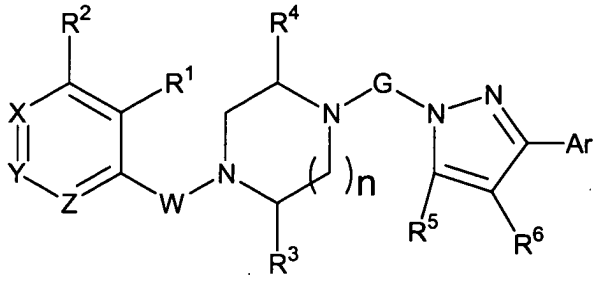
Amendments to the claims:

1. (previously presented) A compound of formula (I) below:



(I)

wherein:

R^1 is hydrogen, azido, halogen, C_{1-5} alkoxy, hydroxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, cyano, nitro, R^7R^8N, C_{2-8} acyl, $R^9OC=O$, $R^{10}R^{11}NC=O$, or $R^{10}R^{11}NSO_2$; or R^1 is taken together with W as described below;

R^2 is hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-5} alkoxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, C_{1-5} haloalkyl, cyano, or $R^{48}R^{49}N$;

alternatively, R^1 and R^2 can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 5- to 7- membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring, which ring may be unsaturated or aromatic;

each of R^3 and R^4 is independently hydrogen or C_{1-5} alkyl;

R^5 and R^6 are taken together to form pyridinyl or a 5-membered carbocyclic ring or 7- membered carbocyclic ring, which ring may be unsaturated or aromatic, and each of said pyridinyl, 5-membered ring and 7-membered ring may be optionally substituted with between one and three substituents independently selected from halo, cyano, amino, nitro, R^{40}, $R^{40}O$-, $R^{40}S$-, $R^{40}O(C_{1-5}$ alkylene)-, $R^{40}O(C=O)$-, $R^{40}(C=O)$-, $R^{40}(C=S)$-, $R^{40}(C=O)O$-, $R^{40}O(C=O)(C=O)$-, $R^{40}SO_2$, $NHR^{62}(C=NH)$-, $NHR^{62}SO_2$-, and $NHR^{62}(C=O)$ –;

R^{40} is H, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, (C_{1-5} heterocyclyl)C_{1-5} alkylene, amino, or mono- or di(C_{1-5} alkyl)amino,

or $R^{58}OR^{59}$-, wherein R^{58} is H, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, or (C_{1-5} heterocyclyl)C_{1-6} alkylene and R^{59} is C_{1-5} alkylene, phenylene, or divalent C_{1-5} heterocyclyl; and

R^{62} can be H in addition to the values for R^{40};

R^7 is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, naphthyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, C_{2-8} acyl, aroyl, $R^{27}OC=O$, $R^{28}R^{29}NC=O$, $R^{27}SO$, $R^{27}SO_2$, or $R^{28}R^{29}NSO_2$;

R^8 is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

alternatively, R^7 and R^8 can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

R^9 is C_{1-5} alkyl, phenyl, naphthyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

R^{21} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, naphthyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, C_{2-8} acyl, aroyl, $R^{30}OC=O$, $R^{31}R^{32}NC=O$, $R^{30}SO$, $R^{30}SO_2$, or $R^{31}R^{32}NSO_2$;

R^{22} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

alternatively, R^{21} and R^{22}can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7-membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

each of R^{23}, R^{26}, R^{27}, R^{30}, R^{33}, R^{44}, R^{45}, and R^{50} is C_{1-5} alkyl, phenyl, naphthyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

R^{24} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, naphthyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, C_{2-8} acyl, aroyl, $R^{33}OC=O$, $R^{34}R^{35}NC=O$, $R^{33}SO$, $R^{33}SO_2$, or $R^{34}R^{35}NSO_2$;

R^{25} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

alternatively, R^{24} and R^{25} can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

each of R^{10} and R^{11} is independently hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, phenyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

alternatively, R^{10} and R^{11} or can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

each of R^{28}, R^{29}, R^{31}, R^{32}, R^{34}, R^{35}, R^{46}, R^{47}, R^{51} and R^{52} is independently

hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, phenyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

alternatively, R^{28} and R^{29}, R^{31} and R^{32}, R^{34} and R^{35}, R^{46} and R^{47}, or R^{51} and R^{52}, independently, can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

n is 1;

G represents C_{3-6} alkenediyl or C_{3-6} alkanediyl, optionally substituted with hydroxy, halogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{1-5} alkoxy, oxo, hydroximino, CO_2R^{60}, $R^{60}R^{61}NCO_2$, (L)-C_{1-4} alkylene-, (L)-C_{1-5} alkoxy, N_3, or [(L)-C_{1-5} alkylene]amino;

each of R^{60} and R^{61} is independently hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl; alternatively R^{60} and R^{61} , can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

L is amino, mono- or di-C_{1-5} alkylamino, pyrrolidinyl, morpholinyl, piperidinyl homopiperidinyl, or piperazinyl, where available ring nitrogens may be optionally substituted with C_{1-5} alkyl, benzyl, C_{2-5} acyl, C_{1-5} alkylsulfonyl or C_{1-5} alkyloxycarbonyl;

X is nitrogen or $R^{12}C$;

Y is nitrogen or $R^{13}C$;

Z is nitrogen or $R^{14}C$;

R^{12} is hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-5} alkoxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, cyano, nitro, $R^{21}R^{22}N$, C_{2-8} acyl, C_{1-5} haloalkyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, (C_{1-5} heterocyclyl)C_{1-5} alkylene, $R^{23}OC{=}O$, $R^{23}O(C{=}O)NH$-, $R^{23}SO$, $R^{22}NHCO$-, $R^{22}NH(C{=}O)NH$-, R^{23}(C_{1-4} alkylene)$NHCO$-, $R^{23}SO_2$, or $R^{23}SO_2NH$-;

R^{13} is hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-5} alkoxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, cyano, nitro, $R^{42}R^{43}N$, C_{2-8} acyl, C_{1-5} haloalkyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, (C_{1-5} heterocyclyl)C_{1-5} alkylene, $R^{44}OC{=}O$, $R^{44}O(C{=}O)NH$-, $R^{44}SO$, $R^{43}NHCO$-, $R^{43}NH(C{=}O)NH$-, R^{44}(C_{1-4} alkylene)$NHCO$-, $R^{44}SO_2$, or $R^{44}SO_2NH$-;

R^{14} is hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-5} alkoxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, cyano, nitro, $R^{24}R^{25}N$, C_{2-8} acyl, C_{1-5} haloalkyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, (C_{1-5} heterocyclyl)C_{1-}

$_5$ alkylene, $R^{26}OC=O$, $R^{26}O(C=O)NH$-, $R^{26}SO$, $R^{25}NHCO$-, $R^{25}NH(C=O)NH$-, $R^{26}(C_{1-4}$ alkylene)$NHCO$-, $R^{26}SO_2$, or $R^{26}SO_2NH$-;

alternatively, R^{12} and R^{13} or R^{12} and R^2 or R^{13} and R^{14} can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 5- to 6- membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring, which ring may be unsaturated or aromatic;

Ar represents a monocyclic or bicyclic aryl or heteroaryl ring, optionally substituted with between 1 and 3 substituents selected from halogen, C_{1-5} alkoxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, cyano, azido, nitro, $R^{15}R^{16}N$, $R^{17}SO_2$, $R^{17}S$, $R^{17}SO$, $R^{17}OC=O$, $R^{15}R^{16}NC=O$, C_{1-5} haloalkyl, C_{1-5} haloalkoxy, C_{1-5} haloalkylthio, and C_{1-5} alkylthio;

R^{15} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, C_{2-8} acyl, aroyl, $R^{53}OC=O$, $R^{54}R^{55}NC=O$, $R^{53}S$, $R^{53}SO$, $R^{53}SO_2$, or $R^{54}R^{55}NSO_2$;

R^{16} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

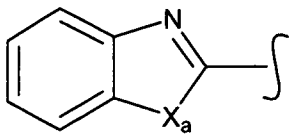
alternatively, R^{15} and R^{16} can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

each of R^{17} and R^{53} is C_{1-5} alkyl, phenyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

each of R^{54} and R^{55} is independently hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

alternatively, R^{54} and R^{55} can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

W represents SO_2, C=O, CHR^{20}, or a covalent bond; or W and R^1, taken together with the 6-membered ring to which they are both attached, form one of the following two formulae:



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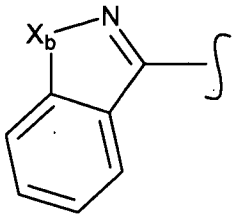


(I)(b)

wherein X_a is O, S, or N; and X_b is O, S or SO_2;

R^{20} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, phenyl, benzyl, naphthyl, or C $_{1-5}$ heterocyclyl;

R^{42} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, naphthyl, C $_{1-5}$ heterocyclyl, C $_{2-8}$ acyl, aroyl, $R^{45}OC=O$, $R^{46}R^{47}NC=O$, $R^{45}SO$, $R^{45}SO_2$, or $R^{46}R^{47}NSO_2$;

R^{43} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, or C $_{1-5}$ heterocyclyl;

alternatively, R^{42} and R^{43}can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

R^{44} is C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, phenyl, naphthyl, or C $_{1-5}$ heterocyclyl;

R^{48} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, naphthyl, C $_{1-5}$ heterocyclyl, C $_{2-8}$ acyl, aroyl, $R^{50}OC=O$, $R^{51}R^{52}NC=O$, $R^{50}SO$, $R^{50}SO_2$, or $R^{51}R^{52}NSO_2$;

R^{49} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, or C $_{1-5}$ heterocyclyl;

alternatively, R^{48} and R^{49} can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic; and

wherein each of the above hydrocarbyl or heterocarbyl groups, unless otherwise indicated, and in addition to any specified substituents, is optionally and independently substituted with between 1 and 3 substituents selected from methyl, halomethyl, hydroxymethyl, halo, hydroxy, amino, nitro, cyano, C $_{1-5}$ alkyl, C $_{1-5}$ alkoxy, -COOH, C $_{2-6}$ acyl, [di(C $_{1-4}$ alkyl)amino]C $_{2-5}$ alkylene, [di(C $_{1-4}$ alkyl)amino] C $_{2-5}$ alkyl-NH-CO-, and C $_{1-5}$ haloalkoxy;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester, or amide thereof.

2. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein R^1 is hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-5} alkoxy, hydroxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, cyano, nitro, R^7R^8N, C $_{2-8}$ acyl, or $R^{10}R^{11}NSO_2$.

3. (original) A compound of claim 2, wherein R^1 is halogen, cyano, nitro, R^7R^8N, or $R^{10}R^{11}NSO_2$.

4. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein R^2 is hydrogen.

5. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein each of R^3 and R^4 is independently hydrogen or C_{1-3} alkyl.

6. (original) A compound of claim 5, wherein one of R^3 and R^4 is hydrogen.

7. (original) A compound of claim 6, wherein each of R^3 and R^4 is hydrogen.

8. (cancelled)

9. (previously presented) A compound of claim 1, wherein R^5 and R^6 taken together form pyridinyl.

10. (previously presented) A compound of claim 8, wherein R^5 and R^6 taken together form pyridinyl, optionally N-substituted with $R^{40}O(C=O)(C=O)$-, $R^{40}SO_2$, $R^{40}NHCO_2$, $R^{40}(C=O)$- or $R^{40}N(C=O)$-.

11. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein each of R^7, R^8, R^{21}, R^{22}, R^{24}, R^{25} is independently hydrogen or C_{1-5} alkyl; or, independently, each of R^7 and R^8, R^{21} and R^{22}, and R^{24} and R^{25} can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated,

unsaturated or aromatic.

12. (original) A compound of claim 11, wherein at least one of R^7 and R^8, R^{21} and R^{22}, and R^{24} and R^{25} , taken together, is morpholinyl, piperidinyl, or pyrrolidinyl.

13. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein R^9, R^{23}, R^{26}, and R^{27} is each independently hydrogen or C_{1-5} alkyl.

14. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein G is C_{3-4} alkanediyl, optionally substituted with hydroxy, (L)-C_{1-5} alkyloxy-, or [(L)-C_{1-5} alkylene]amino-.

15. (original) A compound of claim 14, wherein G is C_3 alkanediyl, optionally substituted with hydroxy, (L)-C_{1-5} alkyloxy-, or [(L)-C_{1-5} alkylene]amino-.

16. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein X is nitrogen.

17. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein Y is CR^{13}.

18. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein Z is CR^{14}.

19. (original) A compound of claim 18, wherein X is CH.

20. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein R^{12} is hydrogen, $R^{22}O(C=O)NH$-, $R^{22}NH(C=O)NH$-, $R^{22}SO_2NH$, $R^{23}SO$, or $R^{23}SO_2$. and R^{13} is hydrogen, $R^{43}O(C=O)NH$-, $R^{43}NH(C=O)NH$-, $R^{43}SO_2NH$, $R^{44}SO$, or $R^{44}SO_2$.

21. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein R^{14} is hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-5} alkoxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, cyano, nitro, $R^{25}O(C=O)NH$-, $R^{25}NH(C=O)NH$-, $R^{25}SO_2NH$ or $R^{24}R^{25}N$.

22. (original) A compound of claim 21, wherein R^{14} is halogen, $R^{25}O(C=O)NH$-, $R^{25}NH(C=O)NH$-, $R^{25}SO_2NH$ or $R^{24}R^{25}N$.

23. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein Ar represents a monocyclic ring, optionally substituted with between 1 and 2 substituents selected independently from halogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, cyano, nitro, $R^{15}R^{16}N$, CF_3 and OCF_3.

24. (original) A compound of claim 23, wherein Ar is a six membered ring substituted with between 1 and 2 substituents selected from halo, CF_3, OCF_3, said substitutent or substitutents being at the 4-position or at the 3- and 4-positions, respectively.

25. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein W is SO_2, C=O, or CHR^{20}.

26. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein W is a covalent bond.

27. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein W and R^1 taken together are formula (I)(a).

28. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein W and R^1 taken together are formula (I)(b).

29. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein one of R^3 and R^4 is hydrogen; Ar represents a monocyclic ring, optionally substituted with between 1 and 2 substituents selected from halogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, cyano, nitro, $R^{15}R^{16}N$, CF_3 and OCF_3; R^{12} is hydrogen, $R^{23}SO$, or $R^{23}SO_2$; R^{13} is hydrogen, $R^{44}SO$, or $R^{44}SO_2$; R^{14} is hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-5} alkoxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, cyano, nitro, or $R^{24}R^{25}N$; and G is C_{3-4} alkanediyl, optionally substituted with hydroxy, C_{1-3} alkyl, (L)-C_{1-5} alkyloxy, or [(L)-C_{1-5} alkylene]amino-.

30. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein each of R^3 and R^4 is hydrogen; Ar represents a six membered ring, optionally substituted with between 1 and 2 substituents selected from halogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, cyano, nitro, $R^{15}R^{16}N$, CF_3 and OCF_3; R^{12} is hydrogen, $R^{23}SO$, or $R^{23}SO_2$; R^{13} is hydrogen, $R^{44}SO$, or $R^{44}SO_2$; R^{14} is hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-5} alkoxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, cyano, nitro, or $R^{24}R^{25}N$; and G is C_3 alkanediyl, optionally substituted with hydroxy, (L)-C_{1-5} alkyloxy-, or (L)-C_{1-5} alkylamino.

31. (original) A compound of claim 30 wherein Ar is phenyl.

32. (original) A compound of claim 31, wherein W and R^1 taken together are formula (I)(b).

33. (original) A compound of claim 1, selected from:

1-[4-(2-Amino-6-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propan-2-ol ;

1-[3-Chloro-2-(4-{3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-3-methyl-urea ;

1-[3-Chloro-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-3-methyl-urea ;

3-Amino-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzoic acid methyl ester ;

3-Chloro-2-(4-{3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamine ;

1-[2-(4-{3-[3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-5-methanesulfonyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-3-chloro-phenyl]-3-methyl-urea ;

and 1-{3-[4-(2-Chloro-6-methanesulfonylamino-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid amide .

34. (original) A compound of claim 1, selected from:

[3-Chloro-2-(4-{3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-carbamic acid methyl ester ;

1-[3-(4-Benzo[d]isothiazol-3-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-bromo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid amide ;

2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-3-nitro-benzoic acid

methyl ester ;

1-[4-(2-Chloro-6-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propan-2-ol ;

2-(4-{2-Hydroxy-3-[3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-5-methanesulfonyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile ;

3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid amide ;

2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile ;

2-(4-{3-[3-(4-Chloro-3-methyl-phenyl)-5-methanesulfonyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-3-methyl-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2,4-dimethyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-{3-[4-(3,5-Dichloro-pyridin-4-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine ;

2-(4-{3-[5-Methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;

N-[3-Chloro-2-(4-{3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-methanesulfonamide ;

3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid amide;

and 3-(4-Chloro-3-methyl-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic.

35. (currently amended) A compound of claim 1, selected from : 1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;

1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-methoxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;

1-[1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(2-hydroxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-[1-[2-Hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;

1-[1-[2-(2-Piperazin-1-yl-ethylamino)-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-{3-[4-(2-Cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester;

1-{3-[4-(2-Cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid amide;

Carbamic acid 1-[5-carbamoyl-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-ylmethyl]-2-[4-(2-cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethyl ester;

1-{3-(3-Amino-4-chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;

(*R*)-1-(3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(5-chloro-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-fluoro-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;

(3-(4-Chloro-3-methyl-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-oxo-acetic acid methyl ester;

5-Methanesulfonyl-1-{3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine;

1-[3-Chloro-2-(4-{3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-3-methyl-urea;

1-{3-[4-(2-Chloro-6-methanesulfonylamino-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-sulfonic acid amide;

N-[3-Chloro-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-methanesulfonamide;

1-[4-(2,6-Dinitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propan-2-ol;

2-(4-{2-Hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-3-methanesulfonylamino-benzoic acid methyl ester;

1-{3-[4-(1,1-Dioxo-1H-1l6-benzo[d]isothiazol-3-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine;

1-[1-{3-[4-(6-Chloro-benzothiazol-2-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone; and

1-[1-[3-(4-Benzo[d]isoxazol-3-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone.

36. (original) A compound of claim 1, selected from:

N-[3-Chloro-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-methanesulfonamide;

1-[3-(4-Benzo[d]isothiazol-3-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-bromo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid amide; and

1-[3-Chloro-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-

phenyl]-3-methyl-urea.

37. (original) A compound of claim 1, selected from:

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{4-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-butyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo [4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-[1-(3-{4-[Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-methyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-2-hydroxy-propyl)-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-1,4, 6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(3-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(4-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-phenyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;

1-[1-[3-(4-Benzhydryl-piperazin-1-yl)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-[3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-(3-{4-[(4-chloro-phenyl)-phenyl-methyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-2-hydroxy-propyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-[1-[3-(4-Benzyl-piperazin-1-yl)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-1-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propan-1-one;

1-[1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

4-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-1-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-butan-1-one;

1-(1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-p-tolyl-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(3,4-dichloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-pyridin-2-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;

1-(3-Biphenyl-4-yl-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone ;

1-(1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-phenyl-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo [4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-[1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-[1-[2-Hydroxy-3-(4-pyridin-4-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propan-2-one;

3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester;

1-(1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-naphthalen-2-yl-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-tert-Butyl-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-butan-1-one;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-2,2-dimethyl-propan-1-one;

(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone;

3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid amide;

1-[3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propan-2-ol;

1-(3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-[1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-[1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-nitro-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2,4-difluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone; and

2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile.

38. (previously presented) A compound of claim 1, selected from:
4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2H-[1,2']bipyrazinyl-3'-carbonitrile;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2,3-dimethyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2,4-dimethyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2,5-dimethyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(3-methyl-4-p-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;
1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(3-methyl-4-m-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;
1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-trifluoromethyl-pyridin-2-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1, 4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(3-chloro-5-trifluoromethyl-pyridin-2-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(3,5-dichloro-pyridin-4-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{4-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-but-2-enyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
4-(5-Acetyl-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-3-yl)-benzonitrile;
1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(2,3,5,6-tetrahydro-[1,2']bipyrazinyl-4-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;
1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-pyrimidin-2-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;
1-(3-(2,4-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
1-(3-(2,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
2-(4-{3-[3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-5,6-dihydro-4H-cyclopentapyrazol-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;

2-(4-{3-[3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-5,6-dihydro-4H-cyclopentapyrazol-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenol;
1-(3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-(2-methyl-allyloxy)-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;
1-[1-[2-Benzyloxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;
Acetic acid 1-[5-acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-ylmethyl]- 2-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethyl ester;
Morpholine-4-carboxylic acid 1-[5-acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-ylmethyl]-2-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethyl ester;
Benzoic acid 1-[5-acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-ylmethyl] -2-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethyl ester;
Benzoyl-carbamic acid 1-[5-acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-ylmethyl]-2-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethyl ester;
1-(3-(3-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-hydroxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(3-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
tert-Butyl-carbamic acid 1-[5-acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-ylmethyl]-2-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethyl ester;
Carbonic acid 1-[5-acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-ylmethyl]-2-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethyl ester methyl ester;
1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{4-[4-(2-hydroxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-but-2-enyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
2-(4-{4-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-but-2-enyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{4-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-but-2-enyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{5-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-pentyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{6-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-hexyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo [4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
2-[1-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-ylmethyl]-2-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethoxy]-acetamide;
[1-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-ylmethyl]-2-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethoxy]-acetic acid;
[1-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-ylmethyl]-2-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethoxy]-acetonitrile;
1-[1-{3-[4-(2-Bromo-benzenesulfonyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;
2-(4-{3-[3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-indazol-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
2-(4-{3-[3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-indazol-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenol; and
3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid dimethylamide.

39. (previously presented) A compound of claim 1, selected from:
1-[1-[2-Azido-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo [4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;
1-[1-[2-Amino-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo [4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;
1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-methylamino-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;
3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid amide;

1-[2-Hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester;
1-(3-(4-Chloro-3-methyl-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-3-methyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
1-[1-{3-[4-(2-Chloro-benzenesulfonyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;
1-(3-(4-Chloro-2-fluoro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-2-fluoro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
1-[3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-5-methyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propan-2-ol;
1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-2-phenyl-ethanone;
1-[3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-5-methanesulfonyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propan-2-ol;
1-[1-{3-[4-(2-Amino-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;
N-[2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-methanesulfonamide;
N-[2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-acetamide;
1-[2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-3-isopropyl-urea;
3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid methylamide;
3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid hydrazide;

2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-phenoxy-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid phenethyl-amide;
3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid (4-methoxy-phenyl)-amide;
3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carbothioic acid methylamide;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-3-nitro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
1-[2-Hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4, 3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid ethylamide;
N-(5-{5-Acetyl-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-3-yl}-2-chloro-phenyl)-methanesulfonamide;
1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-[(1-ethyl-pyrrolidin-2-ylmethyl)-amino]-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-trifluoromethylsulfanyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(3-amino-4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid isopropylamide;
3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid phenylamide;
1-[3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propan-2-ol;
1-[3-(4-Iodo-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propan-2-ol;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;

1-[1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(2-hydroxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;
1-[3-(4-Iodo-phenyl)-5-methanesulfonyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propan-2-ol;
1-[2-Hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4, 3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid amide;
1-[2-Hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester;
1-[2-Hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid methylamide;
N-[5-(5-Acetyl-1-{3-[4-(2-cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-3-yl)-2-chloro-phenyl]-methanesulfonamide;
1-(5-{5-Acetyl-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-3-yl}-2-chloro-phenyl)-3-ethyl-urea; and
1-[5-(5-Acetyl-1-{3-[4-(2-cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-3-yl)-2-chloro-phenyl]-3-ethyl-urea.

40. (previously presented) A compound of claim 1, selected from:
N-(5-{5-Acetyl-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-3-yl}-2-chloro-phenyl)-acetamide;
Acetic acid 2-[5-acetyl-3-(3-amino-4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-1-[4-(2-cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-ylmethyl]-ethyl ester;
N-[5-(5-Acetyl-1-{3-[4-(2-cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-3-yl)-2-chloro-phenyl]-acetamide;
N-[2-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-1-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-ylmethyl)-ethyl]-methanesulfonamide;
1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-(2-pyridin-2-yl-ethylamino)-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;
1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-(2-dimethylamino-ethylamino)-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4, 6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;
Carbonic acid 2-[5-acetyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-1-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-ylmethyl)-ethyl ester methyl ester;
Carbamic acid 2-[5-acetyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-1-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-ylmethyl)-ethyl ester;
1-[5-Ethanesulfonyl-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propan-2-ol;
1-[2-Hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4, 3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester;
1-[5-(4-Chloro-benzenesulfonyl)-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]- 3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propan-2-ol;
1-{3-[4-(2-Cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid methylamide;
1-[3-(4-Iodo-phenyl)-5-(propane-2-sulfonyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propan-2-ol;
1-{3-[4-(2-Cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carbonitrile;

4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-3-methyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazine-1-carboxylic acid o-tolylamide;
4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-3-methyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazine-1-carboxylic acid (2-methoxy-phenyl)-amide;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(3-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(3-fluoro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-3-methyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-ylmethyl)-benzonitrile;
1-(3-(4-Chloro-3-methyl-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-benzyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-bromo-3-methyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxamidine;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(3,4-dichloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(3,4-difluoro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(3,5-dichloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
2-{4-[3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-(2-morpholin-4-yl-ethoxy)-propyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-benzonitrile;
2-(4-{2-Hydroxy-3-[3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-5-trifluoromethanesulfonyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c] pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(3-chloro-4-methyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
N-[4-(5-Acetyl-1-{3-[4-(2-cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-3-yl)-phenyl]-acetamide;

2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-bromo-3-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
1-(3-(3-Chloro-4-methyl-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
1-[1-{3-[4-(2-Azido-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-bromo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(3-azido-4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
5-Methanesulfonyl-1-[3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine;
5-Methanesulfonyl-1-{3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine;
1-[1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-nitro-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;
3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester;
3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine;
1-(3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone; and
3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-5-methanesulfonyl-1-{3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine.

41. (previously presented) A compound of claim 1, selected from:
3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester;
3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-sulfonic acid amide;
1-(3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-5-methanesulfonyl-1-{3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine;

3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(1,1-dioxo-1H-1λ^6-benzo[d]isothiazol-3-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-5-methanesulfonyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine;

1-[1-[3-(4-Benzo[d]isothiazol-3-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-bromo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-[3-(4-Benzo[d]isothiazol-3-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-bromo-phenyl)-5-methanesulfonyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine;

1-[3-(4-Benzo[d]isothiazol-3-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-bromo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester;

1-[3-(4-Benzo[d]isothiazol-3-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-bromo-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine;

1-[3-Chloro-2-(4-{3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-3-methyl-urea;

[3-Chloro-2-(4-{3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-urea;

[3-Chloro-2-(4-{3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-carbamic acid methyl ester;

1-[3-Chloro-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-3-methyl-urea;

N-[3-Chloro-2-(4-{3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-methanesulfonamide;

1-[4-(2,6-Dimethyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propan-2-ol;

1-[1-{3-[4-(2,6-Dimethyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

2-(4-{2-Hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-isophthalonitrile;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-isophthalonitrile;
1-[4-(2-Chloro-6-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propan-2-ol;
1-[4-(2-Amino-6-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propan-2-ol;
3-Chloro-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzoic acid methyl ester;
3-Chloro-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-N-methyl-benzamide;
[3-Chloro-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-morpholin-4-yl-methanone;
1-[4-(2-Chloro-6-morpholin-4-ylmethyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propan-2-ol;
3-Chloro-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-N-pyridin-4-ylmethyl-benzamide;
2-(4-{2-Hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-3-nitro-benzoic acid methyl ester;
2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-3-nitro-benzoic acid methyl ester;
3-Acetylamino-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzoic acid methyl ester;

R^2 is hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-5} alkoxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, C_{1-5} haloalkyl, cyano, or $R^{48}R^{49}N$;

alternatively, R^1 and R^2 can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 5- to 7- membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring, which ring may be unsaturated or aromatic;

each of R^3 and R^4 is independently hydrogen or C_{1-5} alkyl;

R^5 and R^6 can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 5- to 7-membered heterocyclic ring, a 5-membered cabocyclic ring, or a 7-membered carbocyclic ring, which ring may be unsaturated or aromatic, and may be optionally substituted with between one and three substituents independently selected from halo, cyano, amino, nitro, R^{40}, $R^{40}O$-, $R^{40}S$-, $R^{40}O(C_{1-5}$ alkylene)-, $R^{40}O(C=O)$-, $R^{40}(C=O)$-, $R^{40}(C=S)$-, $R^{40}(C=O)O$-, $R^{40}O(C=O)(C=O)$-, $R^{40}SO_2$, $NHR^{62}(C=NH)$-, $NHR^{62}SO_2$-, and $NHR^{62}(C=O)$ –;

R^{40} is H, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, (C_{1-5} heterocyclyl)C_{1-5} alkylene, amino, or mono- or di(C_{1-5} alkyl)amino, or $R^{58}OR^{59}$-, wherein R^{58} is H, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, or (C_{1-5} heterocyclyl)C_{1-6} alkylene and R^{59} is C_{1-5} alkylene, phenylene, or divalent C_{1-5} heterocyclyl; and

R^{62} can be H in addition to the values for R^{40};

R^7 is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, naphthyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, C_{2-8} acyl, aroyl, $R^{27}OC=O$, $R^{28}R^{29}NC=O$, $R^{27}SO$, $R^{27}SO_2$, or $R^{28}R^{29}NSO_2$;

R^8 is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

alternatively, R^7 and R^8 can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

R^9 is C_{1-5} alkyl, phenyl, naphthyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

R^{21} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, naphthyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, C_{2-8} acyl, aroyl, $R^{30}OC=O$, $R^{31}R^{32}NC=O$, $R^{30}SO$, $R^{30}SO_2$, or $R^{31}R^{32}NSO_2$;

R^{22} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

alternatively, R^{21} and R^{22}can be taken together to form an optionally

substituted 4- to 7-membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

each of R^{23}, R^{26}, R^{27}, R^{30}, R^{33}, R^{44}, R^{45}, and R^{50} is C_{1-5} alkyl, phenyl, naphthyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

R^{24} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, naphthyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, C_{2-8} acyl, aroyl, $R^{33}OC=O$, $R^{34}R^{35}NC=O$, $R^{33}SO$, $R^{33}SO_2$, or $R^{34}R^{35}NSO_2$;

R^{25} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

alternatively, R^{24} and R^{25} can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

each of R^{10} and R^{11} is independently hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, phenyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

alternatively, R^{10} and R^{11} or can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

each of R^{28}, R^{29}, R^{31}, R^{32}, R^{34}, R^{35}, R^{46}, R^{47}, R^{51} and R^{52} is independently hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, phenyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

alternatively, R^{28} and R^{29}, R^{31} and R^{32}, R^{34} and R^{35}, R^{46} and R^{47}, or R^{51} and R^{52}, independently, can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

n is 1 or 2;

G represents C_{3-6} alkenediyl or C_{3-6} alkanediyl, optionally substituted with hydroxy, halogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{1-5} alkoxy, oxo, hydroximino, CO_2R^{60}, $R^{60}R^{61}NCO_2$, (L)-C_{1-4} alkylene-, (L)-C_{1-5} alkoxy, N_3, or [(L)-C_{1-5} alkylene]amino;

each of R^{60} and R^{61} is independently hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl; alternatively R^{60} and R^{61} , can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

L is amino, mono- or di-C_{1-5} alkylamino, pyrrolidinyl, morpholinyl, piperidinyl

homopiperidinyl, or piperazinyl, where available ring nitrogens may be optionally substituted with C_{1-5} alkyl, benzyl, C_{2-5} acyl, C_{1-5} alkylsulfonyl or C_{1-5} alkyloxycarbonyl;

X is nitrogen or $R^{12}C$;

Y is nitrogen or $R^{13}C$;

Z is nitrogen or $R^{14}C$;

R^{12} is hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-5} alkoxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, cyano, nitro, $R^{21}R^{22}N$, C_{2-8} acyl, C_{1-5} haloalkyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, (C_{1-5} heterocyclyl)C_{1-5} alkylene, $R^{23}OC=O$, $R^{23}O(C=O)NH$-, $R^{23}SO$, $R^{22}NHCO$-, $R^{22}NH(C=O)NH$-, $R^{23}(C_{1-4}$ alkylene)$NHCO$-, $R^{23}SO_2$, or $R^{23}SO_2NH$-;

R^{13} is hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-5} alkoxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, cyano, nitro, $R^{42}R^{43}N$, C_{2-8} acyl, C_{1-5} haloalkyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, (C_{1-5} heterocyclyl)C_{1-5} alkylene, $R^{44}OC=O$, $R^{44}O(C=O)NH$-, $R^{44}SO$, $R^{43}NHCO$-, $R^{43}NH(C=O)NH$-, $R^{44}(C_{1-4}$ alkylene)$NHCO$-, $R^{44}SO_2$, or $R^{44}SO_2NH$-;

R^{14} is hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-5} alkoxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, cyano, nitro, $R^{24}R^{25}N$, C_{2-8} acyl, C_{1-5} haloalkyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, (C_{1-5} heterocyclyl)C_{1-5} alkylene, $R^{26}OC=O$, $R^{26}O(C=O)NH$-, $R^{26}SO$, $R^{25}NHCO$-, $R^{25}NH(C=O)NH$-, $R^{26}(C_{1-4}$ alkylene)$NHCO$-, $R^{26}SO_2$, or $R^{26}SO_2NH$-;

alternatively, R^{12} and R^{13} or R^{12} and R^{2} or R^{13} and R^{14} can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 5- to 6- membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring, which ring may be unsaturated or aromatic;

Ar represents a monocyclic or bicyclic aryl or heteroaryl ring, optionally substituted with between 1 and 3 substituents selected from halogen, C_{1-5} alkoxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, cyano, azido, nitro, $R^{15}R^{16}N$, $R^{17}SO_2$, $R^{17}S$, $R^{17}SO$, $R^{17}OC=O$, $R^{15}R^{16}NC=O$, C_{1-5} haloalkyl, C_{1-5} haloalkoxy, C_{1-5} haloalkylthio, and C_{1-5} alkylthio;

R^{15} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, C_{2-8} acyl, aroyl, $R^{53}OC=O$, $R^{54}R^{55}NC=O$, $R^{53}S$, $R^{53}SO$, $R^{53}SO_2$, or $R^{54}R^{55}NSO_2$;

R^{16} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

alternatively, R^{15} and R^{16} can be taken together to form an optionally

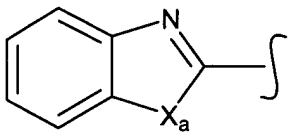
substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

each of R^{17} and R^{53} is C_{1-5} alkyl, phenyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

each of R^{54} and R^{55} is independently hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

alternatively, R^{54} and R^{55} can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

W represents SO_2, C=O, CHR^{20}, or a covalent bond; or W and R^1, taken together with the 6-membered ring to which they are both attached, form one of the following two formulae:



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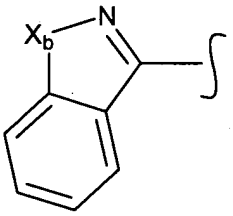

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wherein X_a is O, S, or N; and X_b is O, S or SO_2;

R^{20} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, phenyl, benzyl, naphthyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

R^{42} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, naphthyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, C_{2-8} acyl, aroyl, $R^{45}OC=O$, $R^{46}R^{47}NC=O$, $R^{45}SO$, $R^{45}SO_2$, or $R^{46}R^{47}NSO_2$;

R^{43} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

alternatively, R^{42} and R^{43}can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

R^{44} is C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, phenyl, naphthyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

R^{48} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, naphthyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, C_{2-8} acyl, aroyl, $R^{50}OC=O$, $R^{51}R^{52}NC=O$, $R^{50}SO$, $R^{50}SO_2$, or $R^{51}R^{52}NSO_2$;

R^{49} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

alternatively, R^{48} and R^{49} can be taken together to form an optionally

substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic; and

wherein each of the above hydrocarbyl or heterocarbyl groups, unless otherwise indicated, and in addition to any specified substituents, is optionally and independently substituted with between 1 and 3 substituents selected from methyl, halomethyl, hydroxymethyl, halo, hydroxy, amino, nitro, cyano, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{1-5} alkoxy, -COOH, C_{2-6} acyl, [di(C_{1-4} alkyl)amino]C_{2-5} alkylene, [di(C_{1-4} alkyl)amino] C_{2-5} alkyl-NH-CO-, and C_{1-5} haloalkoxy;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester, or amide thereof.

2. (withdrawn) A method of claim 1, wherein each of R^3 and R^4 is hydrogen; Ar represents a six membered ring, optionally substituted with between 1 and 2 substituents selected from halogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, cyano, nitro, $R^{15}R^{16}N$, CF_3 and OCF_3; R^{12} is hydrogen, $R^{23}SO$, or $R^{23}SO_2$; R^{13} is hydrogen, $R^{44}SO$, or $R^{44}SO_2$; R^{14} is hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-5} alkoxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, cyano, nitro, or $R^{24}R^{25}N$; and G is C_3 alkanediyl, optionally substituted with hydroxy, (L)-C_{1-5} alkyloxy-, or (L)-C_{1-5} alkylamino.

3. (withdrawn) A method of claim 2, wherein Ar is phenyl.

4. (withdrawn) A method of claim 1, wherein said compound is selected from:

1-[4-(2-Amino-6-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propan-2-ol ;

1-[3-Chloro-2-(4-{3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-3-methyl-urea ;

1-[3-Chloro-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-3-methyl-urea ;

3-Amino-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzoic acid methyl ester ;

3-Chloro-2-(4-{3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamine ;

1-[2-(4-{3-[3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-5-methanesulfonyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-3-chloro-phenyl]-3-methyl-urea ;

and 1-{3-[4-(2-Chloro-6-methanesulfonylamino-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid amide .

5. (withdrawn) A method of claim 1, wherein said compound is selected from:

[3-Chloro-2-(4-{3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-carbamic acid methyl ester ;

1-[3-(4-Benzo[d]isothiazol-3-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-bromo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid amide ;

2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-3-nitro-benzoic acid methyl ester ;

1-[4-(2-Chloro-6-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propan-2-ol ;

2-(4-{2-Hydroxy-3-[3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-5-methanesulfonyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile ;

3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-

2-(4-{2-Hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-3-methanesulfonylamino-benzoic acid methyl ester;

2-(4-{2-Hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-3-nitro-benzamide;

2-(4-{2-Hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-3-(3-methyl-ureido)-benzoic acid methyl ester;

1-[4-(2,6-Dinitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propan-2-ol;

1-[1-{3-[4-(2,6-Dinitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-[1-{3-[4-(3,5-Dichloro-pyridin-4-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-{3-[4-(3,5-Dichloro-pyridin-4-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine;

1-[1-{3-[4-(3,5-Dichloro-pyridin-4-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethylsulfanyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-[1-{3-[4-(3,5-Dichloro-pyridin-4-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-bromo-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-azido-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;

1-[1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(6-nitro-benzothiazol-2-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-[1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(6-methoxy-benzothiazol-2-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-{3-[4-(1,1-Dioxo-1H-1λ^6-benzo[d]isothiazol-3-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine; and

1-[3-(4-Benzo[d]isothiazol-3-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-bromo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid amide.

42. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 1, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, or 36 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

43. (original) A method for treating a subject with a condition mediated by cathepsin S, said method comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 1, 30, 31 or 36.

44. (original) A method for inhibiting cathepsin S activity in a subject, said method comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 1, 30, 31 or 36.

45. (original) A method for treating an autoimmune disease, or inhibiting the progression of an autoimmune disease, in a subject, said method comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 1, 30, 31, or 36.

46. (cancelled)

47. (cancelled)

48. (original) A method for treating or inhibiting the progression of tissue transplant rejection in a subject, said method comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 1, 30, 31 or 36.

49. (original) A method of claim 48, wherein said administration occurs

after said subject has undergone a tissue transplant procedure.

50. (original) A method of claim 48, wherein said administration to said subject occurs before or during a tissue transplant procedure.